SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Sir, it was in the newspapers that.... (*Interruptions*)

श्री सभापति: छोड़िए, श्री सतीश प्रधान।

श्री सतीश प्रधान: सभापति महोदय, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि घोड़ों का रक्त लेकर यह दवा बनाई जाती है। घोड़ों को भी एड्स होता है और फिर भी ब्लड लिया जाता है। इस ब्लड को लेते समय क्या इस विषय की भी जांच की जाती है, मंत्री जी इस बारे में कुछ ब्यौरा देंगे?

श्री सभापति: जांच करने के बाद में ही लेते होंगे।

श्री शत्रुघ्न सिन्हा: सर, घोड़ों को भी एड्स होता है, जैसा कि प्रधान जी ने कहा, यह जो आर्मी के घोड़ों का जिक्र किया, हर तरह से उसका परीक्षण हो चुका होता है, उसकी पूरी कुंडली निकाली हुई होती है।

श्री सभापति: हो गया, जवाब काफी है।

श्री शत्रुघ्न सिन्हा: हर तरह से उसकी जांच पड़ताल करते हुए, उसकी एम्युनाइजेशन की होती है। इसलिए ऐसी कोई बात नहीं है।

श्री सभापति: उसकी कुंडली आप ही लिखते हैं।

***362.** [*The questioner (Shri S. Agniraj) was absent. For answer vide pages 32–34.*]

Expansion of SCTMI

*363. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:††
SHRI J.CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to expand and improve the Sree Chitra Tirunal Medical Institute and Research Centre (SCTMI) at Thiruvananthapuram during the years from 1999 to April 2001; and

(b) whether Government propose to provide enough money to equip SCTMI with all the latest instruments required for diagnosis and treatment in the Cardiology and Neurology Departments?

††The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri V.V. Raghavan.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Referred to in reply to the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 363 for 16th December, 2002

(a) The facilities of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram were increased by enhancing the bed strength from 217 to 236 and adding a new Acute Coronary Care Service, installing a new Cath Lab, initiating Endoscopic Neuro Surgery (Key-holebrain surgery) and starting a centre for Movement Disorders.

(b) The Government have been giving sufficient funds to equip the Institute with latest instruments. In addition to this, the Institute has also its own earnings from the patients.

SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN: Sir, the hon. Minister, in his reply, has stated that sufficient funds are being given to the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology. But so far as my information is concerned, sufficient funds are not being provided. Will the hon. Minister take personal interest to see that the required funds are released?

श्री शत्रुघ्न सिन्हा: सर, माननीय सदस्य ने जिस पार्टिकुलर विषय का जिक्र किया है, दरअसल यह साईंस एंड टैक्नोलोजी मिनिस्ट्री के अधीन आता है। यह विषय हैल्थ एंड फैमिली वेलफेयर मिनिस्टरी के अंदर नहीं आता है,बहरहाल प्राप्त जानकारी के अनुसार यह कह सकता हूं कि बजट कम नहीं किया गया है बल्कि थोड़ा बढ़ा ही है और साथ ही साथ यह भी कहना चाहूंगा कि इसकी तुलना दूसरे इंस्ट्टियूट से नहीं की जानी चाहिए खासकर ऐम्स और पीजीआई से। क्योंकि जिस इंस्टीट्यूट का इन्होंने जिक्र किया है उसका ओब्जेक्टिव भी कुछ अलग है। The objectives of the institute, as enshrined in the Act, are to promote Biomedical Engineering and Technology; to promote and demonstrate high standards of patient care in advanced medical specialities;to develop post-graduate training programmes of the highest quality in the advanced medical specialities and Biomedical Enginerring and Technology. बायो मेडिकल पर ज्यादा जोर है, ओब्जेक्टिव्स अलग हैं। जैसा इन्होंने कहा है, हम इस पर विचार करेंगे और कंसर्ड मिनिस्ट्री को इसकी खबर करेंगे।

SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN: Sir, a few years ago Shri Achutha Menon Centre of Excellence was opened as a part of the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology. But, till now, sufficient equipment and staff have not been provided. Would the hon. Minister take necessary steps in this regard?

SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Sir, I shall,certainly, inform the concerned Ministry and that Ministry will, I hope, respond favourably.

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: At the Sree Chitra Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, heart patients, who are advised to undergo operation, have to wait for one, one-and-a-half, or even two years after getting themselves registered. Therefore, the facilities should be increased; otherwise, this problem would not be solved. I would like to know from the Minister whether the Ministry would take sufficient steps to enhance facilities for operation and treatment.

SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: As I said earlier, this particular Institute comes under the Ministry of Science and Technology. His suggestion will be conveyed to the concerned Ministry. I am sure, this issue raised by the hon. Member will be taken care of by the concerned Ministry.

SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN: The medical science institutes, all over the country, provide facilities for the poorer sections of the people. Mr. Chairman,Sir, through you, I would like to know from the hon. Minister: what is the strategy the Government of India following to provide more funds and also equipments to these institutes? The second part of my supplementary is this. The Sri Jayadev Institute of Cardiology, Bangalore, which is run by the Government, does not have enough equipment which is needed to provide medical facilities for poorer section of the people. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he would consider sanctioning more funds to the Sri Jayadev Institute of Cardiology, as well as, the Neurology Department.

SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: We shall, certainly, consider what the hon. Member has said about the Sri Jayadev Institute of Cardiology, Bangalore. As far as this Institute is concerned, as I said earlier, it does not come under the purview of our Ministry. It comes under the Ministry of Science and Technology. I shall, certainly, pass on the information to the Ministry of Science and Technology, and I am sure they will respond to you soon.

*364. [*The questioner (Dr. Vijay Mallya) was absent. For answer vide pages 34-36.*]

*365. [*The questioner (Shri Ramachandra Khuntia) was absent. For answer vide page 36.*]

*366. [*The questioners (Shrimati Sushree Devi and Shri B. J. Panda) were absent. For answer vide page 37.*]

Drug licensing powers

*367. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:††
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approached the States with a proposal that it would take away the drug licensing powers currently vested with them;

(b) if so, whether this proposal for centralized licensing system for both drug manufacturing and trade alongwith a Central vigilance system would help to solve many of the vexing regulatory issues;

(c) whether this proposal was placed at the meeting of Health Ministers and Secretaries of certain major States held in New Delhi in the first week of November, 2002;

(d) if so, the decisions arrived at; and

(e) the steps being taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA) : (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Government has not approached the States with a proposal that it would take away the drug licensing powers currently vested with the States.

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††The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Ambika Soni.